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MAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Alvin A. Paulino**, 53, New Orleans, Louisiana, previously of Liberal, Kansas, currently in federal custody, was found guilty on August 20, 2003, following a two day jury trial of one count of possessing child pornography.

Melgren stated that according to trial testimony the Liberal Police Department received a citizen's complaint that Paulino possessed child pornography. The Liberal Police Department executed a search warrant on September 1, 1999, at Paulino's residence in Liberal, Kansas, and found hundreds of pictures of child pornography on Paulino's computer. According to evidence presented at trial, Paulino had been collecting child pornography since 1995 and had collected from internet sites in the Ukraine, Russian, Germany, and Japan.

Paulino faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Liberal Police Department and the FBI in this investigation.